

Positive Alternatives 2016-17 Quarterly Update

Grantee: LIFECARE CENTER OF THIEF RIVER FALLS

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Goal: To provide parenting education and services to pregnant and parenting women so as to bring about positive alternatives to abortion in Northwest Minnesota.

For the period: June 20, 2016 – September 30, 2016

Activity or Service	Activity or Service Description Major Work Plan Activities	Work Plan Count	Program Progress and Accomplishments Report the progress and accomplishments made this period on each activity.	Report Count
Car Seat Program	Provide car seat education in incentive program	4	The Client Services Coordinator (CSC) provides educational information about car seat safety for clients who are enrolled in the EWYL program.	4
Case Management Services	Provide telephone and/or office appointment follow-up to clients testing positive for pregnancy; assess client needs; assist clients in accessing services	50	The CSC provides follow-up assistance to clients, helps clients assess their needs and gives guidance in accessing resources.	94
Crib Distribution/ Sleep Safety Education	Provide safe sleep education and opportunity to earn a crib in an incentive program	4	Clients who participate in the EWYL program have an opportunity to earn a crib by attending classes. Each client is provided with sleep safety education and informational materials before receiving a crib. Many clients this quarter stated that they have already bought a crib.	4
Life-Skills Education Program	Provide life-skills education in an incentive program	4	The CSC provided life-skills education by assisting clients with developing healthy relationships, money management, job assistance and other needed help.	19

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Material Support	Provide material assistance to women	25	Clients in the program have an opportunity to earn baby boutique items by attending classes. The CSC assesses needs and distributes material items.	19
Nutrition	Certified Nutritionist provides 2 nutrition education sessions per year	6 per session	A Nutrition class will be held next quarter.	0
Parenting Education	Enroll clients in program and assess client needs; assist in accessing services; provide referrals; meet with clients to complete assignments	25	The EWYL program is the primary focus of the Center's MDH grant. It is popular and well received by the community for accessing necessary services, establishing good rapport with clients, collaborating with community resources and providing referrals.	19
Parenting Education	Provide 3 CPR and First Aid class sessions per year	2 per session	A CPR class will be held next quarter.	0
Pregnancy Testing	Provide pregnancy testing, assessment for program eligibility, and pregnancy counseling	12	Women that come to the Center who think that they might be pregnant are given a self-administered pregnancy test and receive trained counseling.	12
Transportation	Provide gas vouchers for clients who need them to attend classes	5	Clients who participate in the parenting classes that need transportation assistance are able to receive gas vouchers for attending classes. There were 3 clients last quarter that received gas vouchers. The Center has now started a bus contract and 5 vouchers have been used.	3

Maternal and Child Health Initiative Task Force Strategies	No.
<i>Number of women who received car seats and car seat safety education from a PA funded program activity</i>	0
<i>Number of women who received car seat safety education only from a PA funded program activity</i>	4
<i>Number of women who received child abuse prevention education from a PA funded program activity</i>	4
<i>Number of women who received abusive head trauma (shaken baby) prevention education from a PA funded program activity</i>	4
<i>Number of women who received a baby bed, crib, or pack-n-play and sleep safety education from a PA funded program activity</i>	4
<i>Number of women who received sleep safety education only from a PA funded program activity</i>	6

Challenges: There have been a few challenges with the transition of new staff and an increase in clients, some with special circumstances and need. It has been a learning experience and the transition has been a good one.

Comments: New staff transitions